

HUD Oregon Office Publishes New Report Showing County Details of \$1.4 Billion in Year 2000 Funding

The Oregon Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published a new report that shows details of \$1.4 Billion in HUD 2000 funding that helped families in every county in Oregon. (Of the \$1.4 Billion, \$312 Million was in the form of grants and rent subsidies and \$1.05 Billion was in the form of housing loan guarantees on *private* capital investments).

- ❑ For a Adobe Acrobat file of the report, go here: <http://www.hud.gov/local/or/pdf/funding2000.pdf>
- ❑ For a web version of the report go here: <http://www.hud.gov/local/or/pdf/funding2000.html>
- ❑ Download the Microsoft Excel file go here: <http://www.hud.gov/local/or/pdf/funding2000.xls>

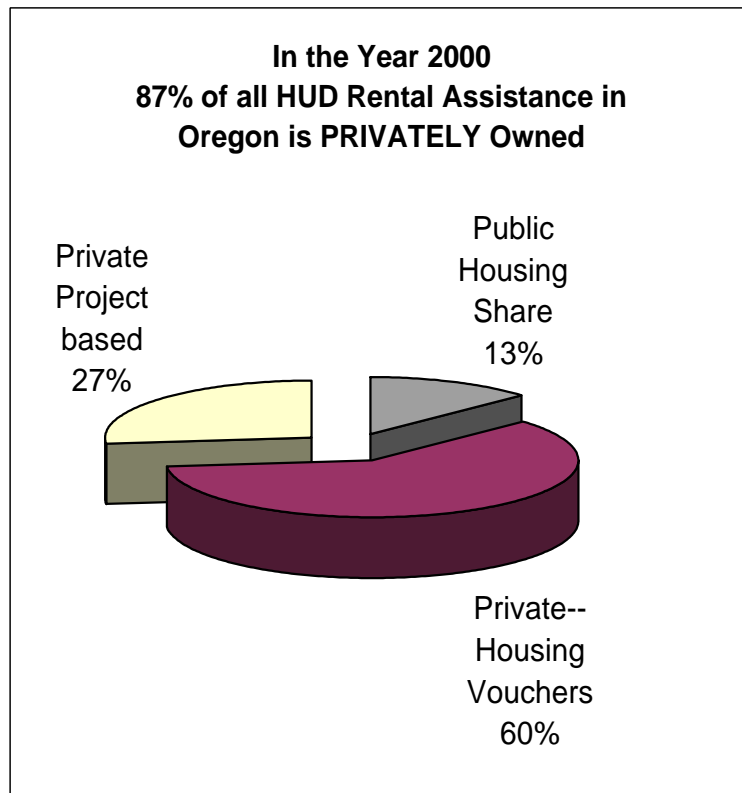
(Comments from the Oregon HUD Office State Coordinator, Tom Cusack, are included at the end of this document.)

Highlights of the report:

Strong Support for NON-Metro areas.

Non-metro grant and rental assistance funding (\$155 million) is nearly identical to metro areas (\$229 million) on a per capita basis (\$93 vs. \$95). When HUD Indian Block Grants and U.S. Rural Development Agency assistance are added, non-metro grants and rental assistance **are 36% HIGHER than in metro areas on a per capita basis.** (Go here to view that file in Adobe Acrobat format:

<http://www.hud.gov/local/or/pdf/nonmetroandmetro2000.pdf>



Privately Owned Housing Share of Rental Assistance Grows, While Public Housing Share of Rental Assistance Declines.

Of the more than 46,000 units families with HUD rental assistance, more than 40,000 live in *privately owned* housing.

Private Owners--\$600 Million in HUD and Renter Payments over the Next Biennium

HUD payments to owners of privately owned properties in communities throughout Oregon are now **more than \$200 million each and every year.** Adding \$100 million in rent payments from the residents, total payments to private property owners from HUD and HUD assisted renters **top \$300 million each and every year; more than \$600 million over the next biennium.**

28,000 of these families in privately owned housing are helped **via HUD housing choice vouchers.** While private housing share of HUD rental housing continues to grow, the share of HUD families receiving help through traditional public housing has *declined to 13% of all assistance.*

Total Grants and Rental Assistance [Doesn't include Loan Activity]: \$625 Million Over the Next Biennium, an Increase of \$106 Million Over the Last Biennium

Compared to 1998, HUD funding for grants and rental assistance increased by more than \$53 million annually [\$106 over the biennium], with more than \$37 million of that being delivered through public housing authorities.

Programs Delivered Through Public Housing Authorities Got the Largest Increases

- ❑ Housing vouchers, delivered through housing authorities, got the biggest increase of more than \$26 million [\$52 over the biennium], sufficient to help more than 4,700 additional low-income families. [Note: Average incomes of HUD vouchers families are \$10,000 a year; HUD rental assistance now serves more children than the basic Welfare [TANF] program].
- ❑ While there was a minor decline in public housing units, as housing authorities converted some units to provide tenant services and sold some others, total funding for public housing still increased by 17% since 1998.
- ❑ HUD stepped up funding for self sufficiency programs for voucher and public housing tenants, and with these locally developed programs, now spends more than \$2 million, an increase of 64%

While Other Programs Also Benefited

- ❑ Homeless continuum of care programs grew by 39 % and now total more than \$9.5 million annually;
- ❑ Local and state governments that receive HUD Community Development Block Grants and HUD HOME grants now receive more than \$60 million annually, an increase of 10% since 1998.
- ❑ HUD spending on housing counseling for single-family loans increased significantly, with spending now 132% higher than in 1998.

HUD's FHA Home Loans—Reaching New Homebuyer Markets, Including First Time and Minority Homebuyers, with Private Sector Investment and Program Delivery.

- ❑ HUD's FHA loan program brought more than **\$1 billion of private capital** into the mortgage markets in Oregon in 2000, with more than 8,600 families benefiting. More than **75% of these loans were made to first time homebuyers**, attracted by the 3% down payment provisions and flexible underwriting.
- ❑ This 65 year young program continues to effectively integrate private sector lenders and services-- **100% of inspections, underwriting, loan processing and closing are done by private sector firms and employees and NOT HUD staff.**

Comments from the Oregon HUD State Coordinator on the HUD Oregon and SW Washington funding report, 2000

This report shows HUD funding reaches every corner of Oregon, urban and rural. The *delivery* of programs by local agencies and the private and non-profit sector is a hidden strength of HUD programs. The effective and diverse ways that programs are delivered to meet local needs however, **all depend on one key ingredient, and that is the funding shown here from the HUD budget.**

**Additional Report Available
\$4.5 Billion in State and Federal Housing Funding
In Next Biennium**

This report shows **HUD grant and rental assistance** funding used to serve very low income Oregonians [average income \$10,000 per year] will reach **\$625 million during the coming biennium.**

The proposed budget for the State of Oregon budget for the Oregon Housing and Community Services Agency projects **\$17.3 million in general fund and lottery funding** for the agency during the coming biennium.

While large, these expenditures are but a small share of TOTAL state and federal spending for housing.

An additional report provides details of an estimated \$4.5 Billion in federal and state supports for housing during the coming biennium. To download the file in Adobe Acrobat format go to:

<http://www.hud.gov/local/por/pdf/fedstatefunding2000.pdf>

While my waist size has *increased* since I came to Oregon 20 years ago, HUD Oregon staff numbers have *decreased* by 50% during the same period.

During a period when population grew by 25% our staff and program managers have demonstrated a remarkable *sustained* effort to successfully integrate local government, non-profit partners and the private sector into HUD program delivery. It's been my honor to help lead that effort both as a former program manager and now as state coordinator.

This report and the use of partners, both public and private, can be a model for other public agencies. Our hope is that the detail provided can contribute to a better understanding of all housing funding in Oregon.

After a 31 year career in federal service that included a tour in Vietnam, I continue to believe that an informed and engaged public is in the best interest of the city, state, and the nation.

On behalf of our staff here at HUD, all of our for profit, non-profit, and government partners and the elderly, persons with disabilities, and working families with children that we serve, I want to say thank you to the taxpayers, and to our elected officials for their continuing support.

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